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To: Docket Nos. 2017-0352 and 2021-0024 Service Lists

Re: Notice of Request for Information ("RFI") related to the establishment of the Hawaii Electricity Reliability Administrator ("HERA")

The Hawaii Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") issued a RFI on February 23, 2022, to solicit feedback related to the establishment of the HERA.

The RFI and details on how to submit a response are available online at <https://hands.ehawaii.gov/hands/opportunities/opportunity-details/21007>.

Responses are requested by **Friday, April 8, 2022**.

The overall goal of the HERA is to ensure the reliable design and operation of the Hawaii electric systems. The initial focus of the HERA will be on the systems operated by the Hawaiian Electric Companies.

The Commission is seeking feedback from:

- Entities interested in serving under contract with the Commission as the HERA; and/or
- Experts in the development, administration, or management of a process, program, or system similar to that envisioned for the HERA.

The key objectives currently envisioned for the HERA include:

- Establish effective and transparent reliability standards;
- Oversee interconnection-related matters including dispute resolution;
- Oversee grid operations, system planning, and related studies; and
- Oversee and advise on cybersecurity issues.

The primary objective of the RFI is to understand the capabilities, concerns, and constructive feedback from entities that could potentially serve in the role of the HERA and to gather information to develop an effective and practical scope prior to requesting proposals.

Recipients of this notice are encouraged to share the RFI details with entities from which the Commission is seeking feedback.

For any questions related to this RFI, please contact Stephen Mariani at stephen.m.mariani@hawaii.gov.

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